recommend its mode of implementation and steps need to be taken in other areas of the country which are prone to such calamities. This is not an Expert Group.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Co-ordination of Relief Work

1544. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of Co-ordination in Orissa relief work has been reported; and

(b) if so, the measures taken for quicker relief measures and build pucca houses along the coast as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Orissa, relief and rescue measures in the wake of the Super cyclone of 29th October, 1999 were conducted in close coordination with Government of India and the non-Governmental Organisations. After the initial stage of relief and rescue, the State Government is formulating the medium and long-term rehabilitation programmes for the affected areas, including repair/reconstruction of damaged houses.

Agriculture Research Institute in Assam

1545. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish Agriculture Research Centre (Institute) in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of location selected by Government;

(c) whether a new proposal can be formulated to set up the above Research Centre in the District of North Cachar hills in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details of guidelines to set up the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to establish any Agricultural Research Centre (Institute) in the State of Assam. However, two new coordinating centres have been proposed under the existing All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Rodent Control and National Seed Project (Crops) on Seed Technology Research at Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat and one Research Station of Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has been approved at Gerua near Guwahati. The ICAR has a proposal to strengthen the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) under AAU, Jorhat to take up additional functions of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for those districts where there is no KVK. Accordingly 6 districts viz. Naogaon, Karbi, Anglong, Lakhimpur, Karimganj, Kamrup and Tinsukia have been identified for the purpose. In addition, Barapeta district has been identified for establishment of new KVK.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise

Agriculture as Uneconomical Venture in Adivasi Areas

1546. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture is becoming an uneconomical venture in Maharashtra especially in adivasi district leading to unemployment,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of green revolution on employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The agriculture continues to remain an economically viable venture as the value from agriculture has increased from Rs. 204532 crores in 1993-94 at 1993-94 prices to Rs. 228544 crores during the year 1997-98. The number of agricultural labourers has also increased from 27.3 million during 1951 to 74.6 million during 1991. The Green Revolution in aggregate terms has resulted in higher employment in agriculture.